

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1306

By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Aspen Leigh Stewart for exemplary service as a Governor's Office Legislative Intern.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should pause in its deliberations to honor and commend certain individuals who through model character personify idealism and endless work ethic for the State of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Aspen Leigh Stewart is one such individual who through her dedication and hard work has been an asset of the utmost degree to the staff of the Legislative Office of Governor Phil Bredesen and the entire staff of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dunlap, Tennessee, she attended Sequatchie County High School and later Middle Tennessee State University, where she was highly regarded not only by her peers, but by the faculty and administration as well. Ms. Stewart achieved academic excellence and graduated Summa Cum Laude, majoring in Political Science and minoring in both Criminal Justice and English; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished and respected leader, Aspen Stewart served on several committees while attending Middle Tennessee State University, including the Public Safety and Security Advisory Board as the student representative; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stewart was active in numerous extracurricular activities while attending Middle Tennessee State University, including but not limited to, Kappa Delta Sorority, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, and the MTSU Mock Trial Team; Aspen also completed two consecutive internships with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Aspen has been the recipient of numerous scholarships and honors, such as

the Charles R. Ray Pre-Law Scholarship, MTSU's Provost Scholarship, MTSU's Enrichment Scholarship, and the Norman L. Parks Award for Outstanding Achievement in Political Science/Pre-Law; and

WHEREAS, after completion of her internship with the Legislative Office of the Governor, she plans to attend law school, thus displaying a remarkable degree of intellectual aptitude and ambition which, paired with her experience as an intern with the Governor's office certainly exemplifies promise for her future success in law school and throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government, Aspen Stewart brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stewart's success as a legislative intern is directly attributable to her reliance upon the time honored values of hard work, common sense, and to her exceptional ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Aspen found her intern experience to be most rewarding, and this extraordinary young woman has excelled in each of her appointed duties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Aspen Leigh Stewart for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Legislative Office of Governor Phil Bredesen and extend to her our most sincere wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.